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HAY PRICES RISE

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during June was 117 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was up 2 points (2 percent) from May but down 10 points (8 percent) from June 2005.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 119, was up 3 points (3 percent) from May but down 14 points (11 percent) from June 2005. Cow prices were slightly below last month, while sheep and lamb prices were higher. Steer and heifer prices and calf prices remained unchanged from May. All livestock prices were down from last year at this time. Cow prices averaged 60 cents below May and \$12.80 lower than June 2005. This is the lowest cow price since June 2003. Steer and heifer prices were unchanged from last month but \$5.00 below last year's price. Calf prices were unchanged from May but \$6.00 lower than June 2005. Sheep prices were 10 cents above May but \$7.10 below last year's price. Lamb prices were \$2.00 above last month but \$44.00 lower than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 108, was down 1 point (1 percent) from May but was unchanged from June last year. Prices for alfalfa hay and other hay were higher than last month, while wheat was lower. All other crops remained unchanged. Compared with June 2005, prices were higher for corn, oats, wheat, alfalfa hay, and other hay. Feed barley and dry beans were down from last year. Corn was unchanged from May but up 18 cents from June 2005. Oats was unchanged from last month but was up 5 cents from last year. Feed barley was unchanged from last month but was 7 cents lower than last year at this time. Wheat was down 5 cents from May but up 72 cents from last June. Dry beans were unchanged from May but down \$7.30 from last year. Alfalfa hay and other hay were up \$2.00 per ton from May and up \$6.00 and \$8.00 from last year's prices.

The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 118, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (3 percent) from May. The Crop Index was down 2 points (2 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 6 points (6 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for broilers, sweet corn, hogs, and broccoli. Lower prices were received for lettuce, cantaloup, corn, and strawberries. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloup offset decreased marketings of oranges, tomatoes, strawberries, and sweet corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was down 1 point (1 percent) from June 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 119, increased 3 points (3 percent) from last month but decreased 2 points (2 percent) from June 2005.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, JUNE 2005, MAY 2006, AND JUNE 15, 2006								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		JUNE 2005	MAY 2006	JUNE 15 2006	JUNE 2005	MAY 2006	JUNE 15 2006	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	59.80	47.60	47.00	56.80	47.50	46.10	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	110.00	105.00	105.00	91.50	86.50	88.40	—
Calves	100#	139.00	133.00	133.00	140.00	132.00	132.00	49
Sheep	100#	37.10	29.90	30.00	41.20	33.20	1/	—
Lambs	100#	132.00	86.00	88.00	114.00	88.90	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.24	2.42	2.42	2.03	2.17	2.05	26
Oats	Bu.	1.55	1.60	1.60	1.75	1.85	1.75	40
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.75	1.68	1.68	2.04	2.57	2.25	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.22	3.99	3.94	3.23	4.09	3.96	38
Dry Beans	100#	25.50	18.20	18.20	27.70	19.40	18.50	34
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	73.00	77.00	79.00	112.00	118.00	115.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	67.00	73.00	75.00	73.60	96.80	90.10	—
1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996.								
NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.								
INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.								
1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES				
	JUNE 2005	MAY 2006	JUNE 15 2006	JUNE 2005	MAY 2006	JUNE 15 2006		
All Commodities	127	115	117	119	115	118		
All Crops	108	109	108	120	128	126		
All Livestock and Products	133	116	119	117	104	110		

ACRES PLANTED TO WYOMING CROPS DECREASE IN 2006 JULY 1 PRODUCTION FORECASTS LOWER

Results of the annual June acreage survey indicate that **Wyoming** producers have 1.55 million acres in crop production in 2006. This acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for alfalfa and other hay, is 2 percent smaller than in 2005. Acreage planted to grain and row crops totaled 441,800 acres, down 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004.

Wyoming producers planted 150,000 acres of **winter wheat** last fall, down 10,000 acres from the previous year; 135,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, down 10,000 acres from last year. **Spring wheat** seedings totaled 10,000 acres in 2006, 1,000 acres more than last year; 8,000 are expected to be harvested for grain. Acreage planted to **oats** was down 5,000 acres from last year to 50,000 acres; 12,000 acres are expected for grain.

Barley area planted, at 65,000 acres, is down 10,000 acres from 2005. A total of 55,000 acres of barley are expected to be harvested for grain, down 5,000 from 2005. The July 1 production forecast for barley is down 15% from 2005. Expected average yield is 7 bushels per acre lower.

A total of 90,000 acres of **corn** were planted statewide, 13 percent above 2005; 58,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain up 18 percent from 2005. **Dry bean** planted acreage, at 33,000 acres, is down 3 percent from 2005; 32,000 acres of dry beans are expected to be harvested. **Sugarbeet** acreage is up 21 percent from last year to 43,800 acres planted, 43,500 acres are expected to be harvested for sugar which would also be up 21 percent.

Producers expect to harvest 1.11 million acres of **all hay** in 2006, which would be down 3 percent from last year. The acreage is comprised of 600,000 acres of **alfalfa**, unchanged from 2005, and 510,000 acres of **other hay**, 6 percent less than last year.

UNITED STATES: The 2006 **winter wheat** planted area is estimated at 41.4 million acres, 2 percent above last year but virtually unchanged from the previous estimate. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 31.1 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. The July 1 production forecast is down 15 percent from 2005.

Area planted to **spring wheat other than durum** for 2006 is estimated at 14.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2005. Grain area is expected to total 14.2 million acres, also up 4 percent from last year. The July 1 production forecast is down 8 percent from a year earlier.

Growers seeded 3.50 million acres of **barley** in 2006, down 10 percent from the 3.88 million acres seeded a year ago, and the lowest since barley planted acreage estimates began in 1926. Acres for harvest, at 2.99 million, are down 9 percent from the 2005 level, and the lowest since 1885. The July 1 production forecast is down 10 percent from 2005.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** totaled 1.36 million acres, up 5 percent from 2005. The area for harvest is forecast at 1.32 million acres, up 6 percent from 2005.

The 2006 **corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 79.4 million acres, down 3 percent from 2005. Growers expect to harvest 72.1 million acres for grain, down 4 percent from 2005. U.S. **dry bean** growers planted 1.56 million acres for 2006, down 6 percent from last year but 15 percent above two years ago.

Producers expect to harvest 62.7 million acres of **all hay** in 2006, up 2 percent from 2005. Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is forecast at 22.4 million acres, up fractionally from last year. All other hay harvested area is expected to total 40.3 million acres, up 3 percent.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2005; ACREAGE AND JULY 1 SMALL GRAIN FORECASTS 2006

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2005	2006	2005	July 2006	2005	July 2006	2005	July 2006	06/05 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000				
WYOMING									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	80	90	49	58	140.0	2/	6,860	2/	
Winter Wheat (bu)	160	150	145	135	30.0	3/	4,350	3/	
Spring Wheat (bu)	9	10	7	8	45.0	3/	315	3/	
Oats (bu)	55	50	12	12	50.0	3/	600	3/	
Barley (bu)	75	65	60	55	93.0	86.0	5,580	4,730	85%
Sugarbeets (tons)	36.2	43.8	35.9	43.5	22.3	4/	801	4/	
Dry Beans (cwt)	34.0	33.0	33.0	32.0	23.5	4/	776	4/	
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	600	600	2.50	4/	1,500	4/	
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	540	510	1.30	4/	702	4/	
All Hay (tons)	—	—	1,140	1,110	1.93	4/	2,202	4/	
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	81,759	79,366	75,107	72,091	147.9	4/	11,112,072	4/	
Winter Wheat (bu)	40,433	41,393	33,794	31,108	44.4	41.1	1,499,129	1,280,005	85%
Spring Wheat (bu)	14,036	14,595	13,609	14,154	37.1	32.9	504,456	465,261	92%
Oats (bu)	4,246	4,312	1,823	1,907	63.0	57.9	114,878	110,322	96%
Barley (bu)	3,875	3,496	3,269	2,990	64.8	63.4	211,896	189,647	90%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,299.8	1,361.9	1,242.9	1,321.1	22.2	4/	27,537	4/	
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,659.3	1,561.8	1,562.9	1,465.0	1,742	4/	27,222	4/	
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	22,389	22,407	3.38	4/	75,771	4/	
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	39,260	40,290	1.91	4/	74,819	4/	
All Hay (tons)	—	—	61,649	62,697	2.44	4/	150,590	4/	

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released January 2007.

3/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released September 29.

4/First forecast released August 11.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on June 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2005 and 5 percent above June 1, 2004. This is the second highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.91 million, 14 percent below 2005 and 19 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.80 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 370,000, 700-799 pounds were 503,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 2005 and 7 percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 115,000 during May, 20 percent above 2005 and 46 percent above 2004.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, JUNE, 2005-2006 1/

State	On Feed	Place-	Market-	Other	On Feed	On Feed
	May 1, 2006	ments May 2006	ings May 2006	Disapp. May 2006	June 1, 2006	June 1, 2005
Thousand Head						
CO	1,060	175	185	20	1,030	970
KS	2,530	415	520	25	2,400	2,280
NE	2,320	340	520	20	2,120	2,050
TX	2,910	590	520	20	2,960	2,890
Oth Sts.	2,739	393	425	30	2,677	2,581
U.S.	11,559*	1,913	2,170	115	11,187	10,771

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

* Revised

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION RECORD HIGH FOR MAY

WYOMING: Commercial red meat production in Wyoming during May 2006 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 100,000 pounds from the previous month, but unchanged from May 2005. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Six hundred *cattle* were slaughtered in May, unchanged from last year. Total live weight was 696,000 pounds, down 4 percent from May 2005. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,198 pounds, up 13 pounds from last year.

A total of 300 *hogs* and *pigs* were processed, up 100 head from last May. Total live weight, at 79,000 pounds, was up 58 percent from May 2005. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 269 pounds, up 16 pounds from last year.

One hundred *sheep* and *lambs* were processed in May, unchanged from May 2005. Live weight totaled 11,000 pounds, unchanged from last year. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 147 pounds, up 2 pounds from a year earlier.

Red Meat production from January to May 2006 totaled 2.4 million pounds, down 11 percent from the same period last year.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in May, up 9 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in May 2005.

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.04 million head, up 9 percent from May 2005. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,241 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.54 million head, 6 percent above May 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was up 10 percent from May 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 225,800 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 144 pounds, up 1 pound from May a year ago.

January to May 2006 commercial red meat production was 19.1 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, MAY 2005 AND 2006, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	May 2005	May 2006	May 2005	May 2006	% 06/05	May 2005	May 2006	May 2005	May 2006	% 06/05
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
Cattle	600	600	722	696	96	2,793,300	3,038,700	3,414,544	3,771,115	110
Hogs	200	300	50	79	158	8,031,700	8,537,000	2,166,713	2,316,699	107
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	11	11	100	208,100	225,800	29,664	32,516	110

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WYOMING MILK PRODUCTION UP 80 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

WYOMING: The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during April - June 2006 averaged 6,700 head. The number of cows was the highest since the second quarter of 1997. The number was up 300 head from the previous quarter and up 2,200 head from the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during 2006's second quarter was 30.8 million pounds, up 19 percent from the previous three months and up 80 percent from the same quarter last year. Production was the largest since the fourth quarter of 1990 when it was 31.6 million pounds.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the April - June quarter totaled 46.9 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.13 million head, 93,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., APR-JUN, 2005 AND 2006					
State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	4.5	6.7	17.1	30.8	+80.1
CA	1,750	1,784	9,662	9,894	+2.4
CO	104	109	595	642	+7.9
ID	446	483	2,536	2,746	+8.3
MT	19	19	95	98	+3.2
NE	60	61	279	289	+3.6
SD	81	81	371	382	+3.0
UT	89	85	417	411	-1.4
WI	1,234	1,242	5,875	5,987	+1.9
US	9,041	9,134	45,831	46,896	+2.3

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.